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ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

AI A method for interfacing components is ~~provided that includes the steps of receiving from a first component~~ includes receiving a request for an access operation ~~comprising one of at least a write operation and a read operation, and comprising a requested data address associated with a second component,~~ and determining whether data corresponding to the a requested data address is missing from memory, ~~the memory being independent of the second component. When the data is missing from the memory, the method includes the steps of intercepting the request, loading the data from the second component to the memory, and performing the requested access operation.~~ ^{such as} Modified data cache. Data may be is converted from a first communication type to a second communication type and written to the memory and to the ~~second component~~ a second one of the components during a write operation, and ~~data is converted from the second communication type to the~~ a first communication type and read by the first component during a read operation. The components may be an integrated device electronic (IDE) hard disk drive and a system or controller originally designed to communicate with a modified frequency modulation (MFM) hard disk drive. Handshaking signals such as index and seek-complete signals allow the interface module to emulate operation of an MFM hard disk drive. Method for writing and reading a serial data stream to and from a component associated with a parallel data stream are also described.
